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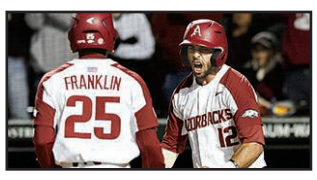

Hogs down Bulldogs
No. 10 Arkansas rides Campbell's arm, Fletcher's bat for 5-3 victory. – Sports, 1C

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In the news

■ **Clarese Gainey**, 65, of Gainesville, Fla., said she picked up her softball bat, braced herself, eased open the door and whacked a 300-pound man in the head after she saw him trying to break into her car, prompting him to flee and later be tracked down by a K-9 unit and arrested.

■ **Alfred Keating**, 59, a naval commodore who served as New Zealand's senior U.S. military attache, faces up to three years in prison after being found guilty of hiding a camera in a bathroom at the nation's embassy in Washington, D.C., prosecutors said.

■ **Josh Bratchley**, a British cave diver who helped rescue 12 soccer players and their coach from a flooded cave in Thailand, became separated from a group of divers exploring Mill Pond Cave in Jackson County, Tenn., and spent 28 hours alone in the cave before being rescued.

■ **Joe Schepman** of Seymour, Ind., said "it's amazing to think about something this large roaming around this area" after workers installing a sewer line across his farm unearthed the fossilized bones and most of a tusk from a mastodon that likely stood about 9 feet tall.

■ **Cory Palka**, a Los Angeles police captain, said investigators arrested five people, breaking up a band of scooter-riding thieves who broke out windows in dozens of parked cars, snatched valuables, then zipped away passing the items among them.

■ **Raina Jones**, a disabled North Carolina woman, filed complaints after 20 handicapped parking spots near the Raleigh Kennel Club Dog Show venue at the state fairgrounds were reserved for judges, forcing her to walk over a quarter mile to attend the show.

■ **Lauren Worley**, spokesman for a Cincinnati elementary school, said students were moved and then classes were canceled after a raccoon was seen in the building but couldn't be found, and the animal will be euthanized once it's caught.

■ **Sharday Thomas**, 32, of Hammond, La., convicted of faking her own kidnapping and sending her ex-boss texts demanding $4,500 in ransom before she was caught by the FBI in Jackson, Miss., was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison.

■ **Anthony Wilson**, 30, was charged with aggravated assault and other counts after being subdued by police who said he attacked a woman as she arrived for work at the state Capitol in Nashville, Tenn., throwing her to the ground and beating her, inflicting injuries including a broken nose.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Mostly cloudy.
High 63, north winds gusting to 25 mph.
Tonight Cool, skies clearing.
Low 45.

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Mueller's report finally public

The New York Times/TOM BRENNER

Attorney General William Barr arrives Thursday at the Justice Department to discuss the release of the redacted Mueller report.

It lays out facts, says verdict up to others

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WASHINGTON — The long-awaited report from special counsel Robert Mueller details President Donald Trump's conduct throughout the investigation — finding 10 episodes of suspicious behavior — but ultimately concludes that it was not Mueller's role to determine whether the commander in chief broke the law.

"The evidence we obtained about the President's actions and intent presents difficult issues that would need to be resolved if we were making a traditional prosecutorial judgment," Mueller's team stated in the report released Thursday to Congress. "At the same time, if we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state. Based on the facts and the applicable legal standards, we are unable to reach that judgment."

Since Mueller ended his nearly two-year investigation last month, a central question facing the Justice Department has been why Mueller's team did not reach a conclusion about whether the president ob-

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Push on in '16 for Clinton emails

2 pursuers, 2 Trump aides were in touch, findings say

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pushed in 2016 for obtaining Democratic rival Hillary Clinton's private emails and his campaign was in touch with people who were pursuing them, according to the redacted special counsel's report released Thursday.

On July 27, 2016, Trump said at a campaign rally, "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," referring to emails that Clinton said she had deleted from her private server. She had used a private account during her tenure as secretary of state.

Trump also "made this request repeatedly" during the campaign, former national security adviser Michael Flynn told investigators for special counsel Robert Mueller.

Flynn, who later pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and cooperated with Mueller's

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The New York Times/ERIN SCHAFF

President Donald Trump speaks Thursday at a Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride event at the White House. Later, Trump tweeted "Game Over" in a typeface mimicking the *Game of Thrones* logo.

Paris honors firefighters

AP/CHRISTOPHE PETIT TESSON

French President Emmanuel Macron (on stage) honors members of the Paris firefighters brigade and security forces Thursday at the Elysee Palace in Paris for their fast work in battling the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral. Investigators said Thursday that an electrical short-circuit was the most likely cause of Monday's fire at the world-renowned landmark. *Article, 5A*

Actions 'sadistic,' ex-youth jailer gets 7 years, judge says

Former captain at lockup ordered kids pepper-sprayed, left to 'cook'

LINDA SATTER
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

For using "sadistic and completely unjustified" actions to punish unruly youths she was employed to protect, a former captain at a Batesville youth lockup was sentenced Thursday to seven years in federal prison — 13 months more than the highest recommended penalty.

U.S. District Judge James Moody Jr. increased the penalty on his own for Peggy Kendrick, 45, who admitted nearly two years ago that she violated the civil rights of youths at the county-run facility by pepper-spraying them for minor infractions and then "letting them cook" with the irritant on their skin in locked cells, and ordering jailers subordinate to her to do the same.

One of her former victims, who was 16 at the time and is now 22, flew into Little Rock from Montana to make a victim-impact statement.

"I was sent there for help," Elizabeth Lollis told the judge. "I was abused at home, I was abused at school."

Then, breaking down in tears while her porcelain complexion turned bright red, the petite blond contin-

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N. Korea freezing out Pompeo

He's called not 'mature' enough; hand extended to Putin

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TOKYO — North Korea spurned the top U.S. diplomat as not sufficiently "mature" and offered a hand to Moscow on Thursday in back-to-back moves by Kim Jong Un to possibly reset the terms of his outreach with Washington.

The announcements came hours after North Korea announced that it had tested a tactical guided weapon, its first public weapons test since the breakdown of a summit between President Donald Trump and Kim in February.

North Korea further jabbed Washington by announcing it no longer wants to talk to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in negotiations over Pyongyang's nuclear program. The statement, carried by state media outlets, demanded that Pompeo be replaced with someone who "is more careful and mature in communicating."

Then, in Moscow, the Kremlin announced that Kim plans to meet President Vladimir Putin in Russia later this month. For Kim, the planned summit is an opportunity to expand his options and potential leverage with the United States and China, the North's longtime ally.

Taken all together, the steps by Kim suggest a push toward bolder initiatives by the North with U.S. talks stalled after the collapse of the Hanoi, Vietnam, summit. But it does not appear to signal that Kim wants to break off the dialogue, experts said.

"Kim Jong Un does not

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U.S. retail sales in March up 1.6%; joblessness dips

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Retail sales in the U.S. jumped by the most since September 2017 and first-time filings for unemployment benefits dropped to a fresh 49-year low, as a strong labor market gives American consumers the wherewithal to keep the economy chugging along.

The value of overall sales in March rose 1.6 percent, boosted by gains for automobile dealers and gasoline stations, after an unrevised 0.2 percent decrease the previous month, according to Commerce Department figures released Thursday. That exceeded all forecasts in Bloomberg's survey calling for a 1 percent gain.

A Labor Department report released at the same

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